

FISCAL NOTE

SB 339 - HB 491

February 13, 2001

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires health insurance plans, except for TennCare, the state employee health insurance plan or local government health insurance plans, that include eye and vision care coverage to include all willing and licensed providers of such services. Allows any provider to apply for credentials and disallows discrimination against any provider or class of providers by insurance companies. Provides that enrollees have direct access to eye care providers without referral from any other healthcare provider. Requires the insurance company to insure that a sufficient number of eyecare providers are available in any area. Allows any provider or enrollee to bring civil action if provisions of the act are violated.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

MINIMAL

The bill does not apply to TennCare, the state employee health insurance plan or local government health insurance plans.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James A. Davenport, Executive Director

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